(d) whether these employees are considered as railway employees of Northern Railway;

(e) whether it is a fact that recently several employees were removed without proper enquiry or authorisation;

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(g) whether any group of employees have represented to the Railway authorities about the corruption in the working of these catering services and submitted a Memorandum; and

(h) what action has been taken by Railway authorities on their representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Catering services in Parliament House are being managed since 1968 and in the Parliament House Annexe since 1975.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. However some employees were removed from service due to security reasons during 1985. Stay Petitions filed by them were dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court. They have now approached the Central Administrative Tribunal.

(g) and (h) One such complaint has been received recently through an MP. This is under investigation

Setting up of Adarsh Pathshallas in the Country

2731. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up Adarsh Pathshallas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the requisite educational qualifications and experiences prescribed for the post of Principals for the said Pathshallas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Scheme of Adarsh Pathshallas is already under implementation in the country; new Pathshallas are established from time to time, depending upon felt needs and availability of resources.

(b) The information is as follows:—

(i) Acharya/M.A. (Sanskrit) or an equivalent Oriental Degree from a recognised examining body, at least 2nd Class;

(ii) At least 7 years' of teaching experience upto Acharya or equivalent courses in traditional Sanskrit Institutions;

(iii) Ability to teach through the medium of Sanskrit.

Fire in goods train at Gandhinagar

2732. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that devastating fire engulfed a goods train carrying petroleum products at Gandhinagar on the 29th May, 1989;

(b) if so, the total loss sufferred as a result thereof; and

(c) whether the cause of the fire was enquired into and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.